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1. ELECTIONEERING IS OFF TO GOOD START IN DANANG. POSTERS PUBLICIZING CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED AROUND CITY. ALL FIVE SLATES POSTERS ARE REPRESENTED AT EVERY SITE. NO ONE BEING FAVORED. LOUDSPEAKERS, LEAFLETS, AND CANDIDATE SPEECHES ARE ALSO IMPORTANT PARTS OF CAMPAIGN.

2. POSTERS ARE BEING READ, SPEECHES ARE ATTRACTING FAIR SIZED CROWDS, AND VIS MOVIES AND READING ROOM PUBLICIZING ELECTIONS WELL ATTENDED.

3. LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE MOVED VIETNAMESE MARINE BATTALION PREVIOUSLY PROVIDING SECURITY IN CITY BACK TO SAIGON. THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THEY NEED IT NOW AND POINT OUT THAT THEY WILL CALL IT BACK IF IT IS NEEDED. THEY BELIEVE POTENTIAL OPPOSITION GROUPS IN DANANG NOW UNDERSTAND THAT AUTHORITIES WILL NOT PERMIT ANY TROUBLEMAKING.

4. CITY IS QUIET AND NORMAL WITH EVENING RAINS THE MOST IMPORTANT DETRIMENT TO CANDIDATES ELECTIONEERING CAMPAIGNS.

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